

Today's News - Monday, November 14, 2011

- ArcSpace brings us an eyeful of "Detour DK" on view in Copenhagen.
- Moore minces no words about the "stealthy rise of pseudo-public spaces"
- particularly the plans for London River Park: is it really a place for the people or a private corporate playground?
- Glancey x 3 (he's been busy!): Architects "are rarely to blame" buildings that go over budget; "sadly, though, no one ever seems to learn from past mistakes."
- Maggie's Centre in Nottingham is a "jolly green giant...a bright, fresh haven for cancer care"; such projects "bring out the utopian in every architect," says Gough.
- His review of last week in architecture takes in architects as comic book artists, a diving board that is "architectural escapism at its sunniest," and more.
- Rinaldi cheers Cloepfil's Clyfford Still Museum, where he "did a rare and risky thing" resulting in a worthy home for Still's "jagged lines, his erratic patches of color."
- Kamin finds no "Dreary Funeral Home School of Design" in a new, light and airy funeral home in Skokie: "no one would mistake this building for a mausoleum."
- Rochon looks into her crystal ball at the future of health-care design - and finds the future is here in three projects in Canada, Europe, and Africa.
- The mammoth (26 million square feet!) Medanta Medicity brings a Mayo-Clinic like facility to India.
- Welton cheers AIA chapters "taking a stand for visibility, transparency, and sustainability" with new HQ's.
- The future of H&deMs Hamburg Elbphilharmonie is in jeopardy as work stalls.
- A University at Buffalo architect designs for the needs of wounded veterans and their families with the Wounded Warrior Home Project.
- NYC's Center for Architecture offers the premiere screening of "ARCHITECT," a chamber opera based on the life and work of Louis Kahn this Thursday (special guests included).
- We couldn't resist: Conan O'Brien introduces the Fight to the Death Building Battle between NYC and LA landmarks.
- Call for entries: 2012 CNU Charter Awards to recognize the very best in New Urbanist design.

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Exhibition: "Detour DK" - DAC Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark -- Peter Zumthor/and Louise Bourgeois; Odd Aanensen/Inge Dahlman; Pushak arkitekter; 70° Nord - Gisle Løkken; Reiulf Ramstad Architects; Jensen & Skodvin Architects; Snøhetta

The London River Park: place for the people or a private playground? ...a proposed floating green space on the Thames...But is it really a 'public' amenity...the stealthy rise of pseudo-public spaces...there is...no free lunch...there are an awful lot of ifs...If they are not addressed [the park] is simply an Occupy London event carried out by big business...By Rowan Moore -- Gensler - Observer (UK)

Building over budget? Don't blame the architect: Costs for the Aquatics Centre for the London 2012 Olympics have soared - it's always the way with public buildings...Architects -- believe it or not -- are rarely to blame. Sadly, though, no one ever seems to learn from past mistakes. By Jonathan Glancey - Guardian (UK)

Maggie's Centre: the jolly green giant: The latest Maggie's Centre in Nottingham is a bright, fresh haven for cancer care... project that's bringing out the best in architecture's biggest names...centres "bring out the utopian in every architect..." By Jonathan Glancey -- Piers Gough/CZWG; Paul Smith; Richard Murphy; Frank Gehry; Zaha Hadid, Richard Rogers, Rem Koolhaas; Charles Jencks [slide show] - Guardian (UK)

Constructive criticism: the week in architecture: Architects reach for their comic books, David Chipperfield sets his sights on Venice, and the people of St Leonards-on-Sea get very excited about a diving board...architectural escapism at its sunniest. By Jonathan Glancey -- Francis Terry/Quinlan & Francis Terry; Peter Murray; Ole Scheeren; Quixotic Architects [images, links] - Guardian (UK)

Denver's Clyfford Still Museum: From the abstract to the concrete: Brad Cloepfil makes a hard case for the work of painter Clyfford Still...Cloepfil...did a rare and risky thing. He let the concrete express itself...Still's jagged lines, his erratic patches of color, have a home here. By Ray Mark Rinaldi -- Allied Works Architecture [images] - Denver Post

Modern architectural design helps Skokie funeral home celebrate life; building is part of trend away from sites that reflect death...it lacks...what might be called the Dreary Funeral Home School of Design. Instead, the atmosphere is light and airy...no one would mistake this building for a mausoleum. By Blair Kamin -- Joseph Alexander/Alexander and Associates [image] - Chicago Tribune

Architecture offers new prescriptions for building health: ...what I see when I gaze into my crystal ball at the future of health-care design: a free-flowing Canadian hospital tuned into the needs of women, with a luminous pavilion...a rehabilitation centre in Europe set in the quiet of a forest; and in Africa, magnetic neighbourhood centres of wellness to help stem the onslaught of chronic disease. By Lisa Rochon -- Perkins Eastman Black Architects/IBI Group; Architectenbureau Koen van Velsen; Farrow Partnership Architects/Clark Nexsen/Ngonyama Okpanum - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Inspiring Design: Medanta Medicity is a mammoth project in all sense of the word...the vision to bring a Mayo-Clinic like facility to India a huge challenge...Spread across 43 acres...a project of this scale had a complex design process. -- Shonan Trehan; PCJA (Provencher Roy/Cardinal et Hardy/Jodoin Lamarre Pratte/ARCOP); LAB; Incubis; AGA; DKA [images] - Express India

Work stalls on Herzog & de Meuron's Hamburg Elbphilharmonie: Technical row stops work on four areas of building...leaving the future of the project in jeopardy...the latest opening date of April 2014 is now unlikely to be achieved. - BD/Building Design (UK)

Homes for 'Wounded Warriors' Designed with Help of University at Buffalo Architect: ...will help meet the needs of wounded veterans and their families...The IDeA Center [Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access] will partner with the Wounded Warrior Home Project to study the usability of the homes after their completion. The goal is to improve future projects. -- Danise Levine [images] - University at Buffalo News

American Institute of Architects embraces greater transparency in design: From coast to coast, AIA chapters are taking a stand for visibility, transparency and sustainability. By J. Michael Welton -- Hickok Cole; Howeler + Yoon Architects; Frank Harmon - Washington Post

[Premiere Screening of ARCHITECT, a chamber opera based on the life and work of Louis Kahn at the Center for Architecture, New York City, Thursday, November 17 - Center For Architecture Foundation](#)

[Video: Brawling Buildings in NYC and LA: ...Conan O'Brien launched a new segment, the Fight to the Death Building Battle...whatever side you choose..."You're booing a building." - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Call for entries: 2012 CNU Charter Awards to recognize the very best in New Urbanist design \(international\); cash prizes; deadline: January 25, 2012 - Congress for the New Urbanism \(CNU\)](#)

[Michael Sorkin: Architectural Critic as Scam Scanner and Urban\(e\) Design Sage: "All Over the Map," a sprawling miscellany of recent essays on buildings and cities, is a triumph of enlightened nay-saying and affirmation. By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow](#)

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